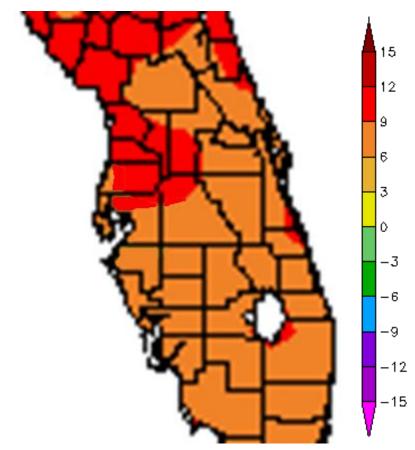


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DECEMBER 2015 CONTINUES ON TRACK TO BE ONE OF THE WARMEST DECEMBERS ON RECORD

FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS ON TRACK TO END UP IN THE TOP 3 WARMEST. DURING THE FIRST 27 DAYS OF DECEMBER 2015 WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL DAYS OF WELL ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES WITH OVER 60 RECORD HIGHS BROKEN OR TIED AND OVER 85 RECORD HIGH MINIMUMS ALSO BROKEN OR TIED (SEE LISTING OF DAILY RECORDS BELOW THE TOP 5 TABLES). FOR DECEMBER 1 TO 27 MANY OF THE OFFICIAL OBSERVING LOCATIONS ARE THE WARMEST ON RECORD WITH THE OTHERS IN THE TOP 3 WARMEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN FOR THESE FIRST 27 DAYS OF THE MONTH, BETWEEN 6 AND 11 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL.



DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL TEMPERATURE 12/1/2015 -12/27/2015 (°F)

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WARM WEATHER WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH AND THEREFORE MANY OF THE OBSERVING SITES WILL END UP AS THE WARMEST, OR AT THE VERY LEAST IN THE TOP 3 WARMEST FOR DECEMBER.

BELOW ARE TABLES OF THE TOP FIVE WARMEST DECEMBERS, THE 1981 TO 2010 NORMAL TEMPERATURES, AND THE AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST 27 DAYS OF DECEMBER 2015, FOR SOME LOCATIONS ACROSS THE REGION.

CHIEFLAND 5 ESE (RECORDS BEGAN JUNE 1956):	INVERNESS 3 SE (RECORDS BEGAN JULY 1948):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 64.7 IN 1971 2 63.7 IN 1998 63.7 IN 1984 4 62.1 IN 1982 5 61.9 IN 1990	1 67.0 IN 1948 2 66.8 IN 1971 3 65.3 IN 1949 4 64.9 IN 1967 5 64.4 IN 1956 64.4 IN 1951
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 66.7 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT CHIF1 = 56.3	NORMAL DEC TEMP AT INVF1 = 58.7
	BROOKSVILLE AREA
(RECORDS BEGAN JULY 1948):	(RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 68.8 IN 1948 2 67.8 IN 1971 3 66.3 IN 1984 4 65.0 IN 1967 5 64.9 IN 1982	1 70.1 IN 1931 2 68.6 IN 1971 3 67.1 IN 1948 4 66.8 IN 1926 5 66.5 IN 1932
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = N/A NORMAL DEC TEMP AT BSHF1 = 59.2	AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 69.7 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT BKV = 59.3
ST LEO (RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1895):	TARPON SPRINGS (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 69.6 IN 1931 2 67.7 IN 2007 3 67.6 IN 1948 4 67.5 IN 2001 67.5 IN 1984	1 72.8 IN 1931 2 68.6 IN 1971 3 68.2 IN 1998 4 67.9 IN 1982 5 67.6 IN 2001
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = N/A NORMAL DEC TEMP AT STLF1 = 62.7	

TAMPA AREA (RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1890):	ST PETERSBURG (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1914):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 72.3 IN 1931 2 69.5 IN 2006 3 69.3 IN 1971 4 68.8 IN 2001 5 68.5 IN 2013	1 74.2 IN 1931 2 71.9 IN 1971 3 69.7 IN 1998 4 69.5 IN 1948 5 69.4 IN 2013
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 72.6 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT TPA = 63.1	NORMAL DEC TEMP AT SPG = 64.1
PLANT CITY (RECORDS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 1892):	LAKELAND LINDER (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1915):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 70.6 IN 1971 2 69.6 IN 1931 3 68.9 IN 1948 4 68.4 IN 2013 5 67.9 IN 1978	1 72.8 IN 1931 2 70.0 IN 1971 3 68.6 IN 2013 4 68.4 IN 2007 5 68.0 IN 1922
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 72.3 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT PLCF1 = 62.7	NORMAL DEC TEMP AT LLDF1 = 62.9
BARTOW (RECORDS BEGAN JUNE 1892):	WINTER HAVEN AREA
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 71.0 IN 2013 2 69.2 IN 1948 3 69.0 IN 2001 69.0 IN 1971 5 68.4 IN 1998	1 70.8 IN 1971 2 69.5 IN 1948 3 68.9 IN 1998 4 68.5 IN 2007 5 68.4 IN 1946
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 71.7 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT BARF1 = 63.7	

SARASOTA-BRADENTON AREA (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1911):	VENICE (RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1955):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 71.2 IN 1931 2 69.8 IN 1971 3 69.5 IN 2006 4 69.1 IN 2013 5 68.8 IN 2007 AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 72.3 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT SRQ = 63.5	
	WAUCHULA 2 N (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1933):
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 69.4 IN 2013 2 69.3 IN 1998 3 69.2 IN 1971 4 69.1 IN 2006 5 68.7 IN 2007	1 70.0 IN 1971 2 69.8 IN 2007 3 68.7 IN 1948 4 68.4 IN 1940 5 67.6 IN 1946
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = N/A NORMAL DEC TEMP AT MKCF1 = 63.7	NORMAL DEC TEMP AT WAUF1 = 63.7
ARCADIA (RECORDS BEGAN DECEMBER 1899):	ARCHBOLD BIO STN
WARMEST DECEMBERS	WARMEST DECEMBERS
1 70.9 IN 1931 2 69.7 IN 1971 3 68.6 IN 2013 68.6 IN 1948 5 68.3 IN 1912	1 69.1 IN 1971 2 69.0 IN 2006 3 68.4 IN 2013 4 67.2 IN 1986 5 67.0 IN 2007
AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = N/A NORMAL DEC TEMP AT ARCF1 = 62.4	

PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE FORT MYERS AREA (RECORDS BEGAN JULY 1914): (RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1902): WARMEST DECEMBERS WARMEST DECEMBERS 1 72.5 IN 1931 1 72.8 IN 1931 2 71.4 IN 1948 2 72.3 IN 1971 3 70.4 IN 1971 3 71.5 IN 2013 70.4 IN 1946 4 71.2 IN 2007 5 70.0 IN 1932 5 70.9 IN 2006 AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 72.8 AVG TEMP THRU DEC 27 2015 = 73.0 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT PNTF1 = 65.4 NORMAL DEC TEMP AT FMY = 66.5

BELOW ARE THE DAILY RECORD HIGHS AND RECORD HIGH MINIMUMS THAT HAVE BEEN SET OR TIED FOR DECEMBER 1 TO 27 2015 AT THE AVAILABLE SITES.

RECORD HIGHS BY LOCATION:

- + NEW RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- TIED RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- * LAST OF MULTIPLE OCCURRENCES

-CHIEFLAND 5 SE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1956):

	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
DATE	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/24	83	83 IN 1981	67
12/27	84	80 IN 1990*	67

-INVERNESS 3 SE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/15	85	85 IN 2007*	73
12/17	87	86 IN 1956	72
12/18	86	86 IN 1967	72
12/22	84	84 IN 1970*	71
12/26	86	84 IN 1987*	71
12/27	86	80 IN 1996	71

-BROOKSVILLE AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/16	87	87 IN 1940	72
12/22	84	84 IN 2013*	71
12/25	87	85 IN 2008*	71
12/26	85	84 IN 1934*	71
12/27	85	85 IN 1916	71

-TAMPA AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1890):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/12	85	85 IN 2001*	73
12/13	85	85 IN 1972*	72
12/24	84	83 IN 2011*	71
12/25	86-	83 IN 1984*	71
12/26	86-	85 IN 1984	70
12/27	85	85 IN 1990	70

-PLANT CITY (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/17	87	87 IN 1971	73
12/25	86	85 IN 1962	72
12/26	87	86 IN 1941	72
12/27	85	85 IN 1962*	72

-LAKELAND LINDER (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/02	85	84 IN 2009*	76
12/14	85	84 IN 2009*	74
12/16	85	85 IN 1971	73
12/17	87-	82 IN 2001*	73
12/18	84	84 IN 1961	73
12/25	86	84 IN 2013	72
12/26	86	83 IN 1987*	72
12/27	85	85 IN 1996	72

-BARTOW (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE RECORD RECORD NORI	
12/16 85 85 IN 2000* 75 12/17 85 84 IN 2001* 75 12/18 86 86 IN 1922 75 12/25 85 85 IN 1901 75 12/26 86 86 IN 1911 75 12/27 87 87 IN 1941 75	4 4 3 3

-WINTER HAVEN AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1941):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/25	86	84 IN 1970*	70
12/26	86	86 IN 1941	70

-MOUNTAIN LAKE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1935):

	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
DATE	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/17	86	85 TN 1971*	75

-SARASOTA/BRADENTON AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1911):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/12	85	85 IN 2007*	74
12/24	85	84 IN 2008*	72
12/25	85	84 IN 1998*	72
12/26	85	84 IN 1998	72

-VENICE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1955):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/25	86	85 IN 1988	72
12/26	86	86 IN 1988	72

-WAUCHULA 2 N (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1933):

	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
DATE	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/03	87	87 IN 2007	78

-ARCHBOLD BIO STN (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1969):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/03	89	88 IN 2009	77
12/15	87	87 IN 2000	75
12/16	86	86 IN 1971	75
12/17	88	87 IN 2000	75
12/18	88	85 IN 1971	75

-PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1914):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/02	89	87 IN 1991	78
12/12	85	85 IN 2007*	77
12/23	87	86 IN 1951	75
12/24	86	86 IN 2013	75
12/25	86	84 IN 2014*	75
12/26	87	87 IN 1941	75

-FORT MYERS AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1902):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/25	87	86 IN 1988*	75
12/26	87	85 IN 1964*	75

RECORD HIGH MINIMUMS BY LOCATION:

- + NEW RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- TIED RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- * LAST OF MULTIPLE OCCURRENCES

-CHIEFLAND 5 ESE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1956):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/16	69	65 IN 2000	44
12/17	66	63 IN 1977*	44
12/22	68	66 IN 2006	43
12/23	65	65 IN 1956	43
12/24	68	64 IN 2014*	43
12/25	67	66 IN 2006	43
12/27	64	60 IN 1991*	42

-INVERNESS 3 SE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/06	64	64 IN 1977*	47
12/15	67	66 IN 1972	45
12/18	69	68 IN 1961	44
12/22	70	62 IN 1971	44
12/23	66	65 IN 2006	43
12/24	66	64 IN 1997	43
12/26	66	65 IN 1981	43
12/27	65	65 IN 1973	43

-BROOKSVILLE AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/23	70	66 IN 1948*	45
12/24	70	69 IN 1911	45
12/26	69	69 IN 1941	45
12/27	70	69 IN 1942	44

-TARPON SPRINGS (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/14	71	68 IN 2000*	53
12/15	71	71 IN 2007*	53
12/16	69	68 IN 2001	53
12/17	70	68 IN 1996	52
12/23	71	70 IN 1911	51
12/24	71	69 IN 1911	51
12/25	68	68 IN 2008	51

-TAMPA AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1890):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/14	73	72 IN 2001	55
12/15	72	70 IN 1911	54
12/16	70	70 IN 2001	54
12/17	71	69 IN 2001	54
12/22	71	71 IN 2006	53
12/23	73	70 IN 2013*	53
12/24	74-	69 IN 2006	53
12/26	71	71 IN 1941	52
12/27	71	68 IN 1982	52

-ST PETERSBURG (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1914):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/23	68	68 IN 2013	55
12/27	68	68 IN 1984	55

-PLANT CITY (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

12/02 69 69 IN 1991* 54 12/14 71 69 IN 1911 52 12/17 69 68 IN 1977 51 12/18 68 67 IN 2012* 51 12/22 70 70 IN 1911 50 12/23 72- 69 IN 1911 50 12/26 70 69 IN 1941 50	DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
1//// /U 69 N 94 50	12/14	71	69 IN 1911	52
	12/17	69	68 IN 1977	51
	12/18	68	67 IN 2012*	51
	12/22	70	70 IN 1911	50
	12/23	72-	69 IN 1911	50

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-LAKELAND LINDER (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/12 12/17 12/18 12/22 12/25 12/26 12/27	67 69 67 70 69 70	67 IN 1976 68 IN 1971 66 IN 2009* 69 IN 2013 68 IN 2009 67 IN 1981 65 IN 1984*	53 52 52 51 51 51 50

-BARTOW (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/18	71	65 IN 2001*	53
12/23	70	69 IN 2013	52
12/26	69	68 IN 1941	51

-WINTER HAVEN AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1941):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/17 12/22	69 67	68 IN 1956 67 IN 2006	53 52
12/23	71	68 IN 2014	52
12/24	70	70 IN 1997	52
12/26	69	68 IN 1941	51
12/27	69	68 IN 1982*	51

-SARASOTA/BRADENTON AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1911):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/02	69	69 IN 1942	56
12/14	71	70 IN 1967	54
12/22	69	69 IN 2013*	53
12/23	72	71 IN 1911	53
12/24	72	70 IN 1911	52
12/25	70	70 IN 1997	52
12/26	68	68 IN 1943	52
12/27	69	68 IN 1942	52

-VENICE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1955):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/15	70	70 IN 1987	55
12/17	70	68 IN 1977	54
12/22	70	68 IN 2014*	53
12/23	72	68 IN 2014	53
12/25	69	69 IN 1997	53
12/27	69	69 IN 1998	53

-WAUCHULA 2 N (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1933):

	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
DATE	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/03	69	66 IN 1971*	54

-ARCHBOLD BIO STN (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1969):

DATE	NEW	OLD	1981-2010
	RECORD	RECORD	NORMAL
12/05	67	66 IN 1972	52
12/06	68	66 IN 1982*	52

-PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1914):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/03	72	72 IN 1991*	57
12/14	70	68 IN 1961*	55
12/23	72	69 IN 2006	53
12/24	71	71 IN 1984	53
12/27	66	65 IN 1997*	53

-FORT MYERS AREA (RECORDS BEGAN IN 1902):

DATE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	1981-2010 NORMAL
12/23	72	70 IN 2006	55
12/24	72	71 IN 1997	55
12/27	69	69 IN 1981	55